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Training and Duties of Communications Personnel Aboard SOVROMTRANSPORT Ships

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[redacted] During the training period, trainees received about one-half of the salary received by experienced SRT operators. Since the currency reform of January 1952, operator-trainees on SRT ships have been paid 350 lei monthly. In 1952, [redacted] a special training school in Bucharest had just been established for radio telegraphers and was operated jointly by SRT, the Rumanian Post Office, and the civil aviation authorities.

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2. The normal duties of a radio operator aboard Rumanian merchant vessels consisted of the following:

- a. Maintaining required communication with the SRT home station in Constanta.
- b. Meeting all international communication obligations regarding medium wave transmission and receiving.
- c. Receiving and logging all meteorological bulletins in the area where the ship was then sailing.
- d. Maintaining and repairing all radio sets.

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3. Additional duties, performed by radio operators to assist deck officers who were usually not well-qualified, included the following:
 - a. Taking bearings with the direction finder.
 - b. Signaling in Morse code with the Aldis light.
 - c. Occasionally being called upon to count cargo during loading or unloading.
 - d. Occasionally taking position readings and composing telegrams giving the ship's position to be transmitted to the home station.

Signal Material Required Aboard SOVROMTRANSPORT Ships

4. All signal material kept by a communications unit aboard SRT ships was that which was required by international law. There were no published regulations for radio transmission or for schedules of broadcasts. The signal material included the following:
 - a. Radio Signal, Volumes I, II, III-A, and III-B, published by the British Admiralty.
 - b. The call signs of coastal and ships' stations, published in Bern, Switzerland.
 - c. A list of all international call signs, published in Bern, Switzerland.
 - d. An atlas or volume of charts which pinpointed all shore stations and radio beacons, published in Switzerland.
 - e. One volume of compiled data on all "special radio stations", i.e., Loran stations, radar, Decca, and stations which emitted hourly signals, etc. This was an international publication published in Bern, Switzerland.
 - f. The International "Q" Code.
 - g. Two Rumanian Post Office manuals which gave cable rates.
 - h. A publication containing safety rules, issued by the Radio Directorate of SOVROMTRANSPORT.

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